

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on March 27, 2003 at 3:29 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Don Roberts (R), Rep. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 15, 3/11/2003; SJR 4,
3/11/2003; SJR 16, 3/11/2003; HB
249, 3/11/2003
Executive Action: HB 249, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 12-8
SJR 16, BE CONCURRED IN, 17-3
SJR 15, BE CONCURRED IN, 17-3
SJR 4, BE CONCURRED IN, 19-1
SB 166, BE CONCURRED IN, 20-0, CC

HEARING ON SJR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

0:00 SEN. NELSON, SD 49 -- Short Title: Urge state park for
Region 6 at Brush Lake.

EXHIBIT(fih65a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:00 SEN. ELIOT, SD 36
04:00 Doug Smith, Sheridan County Planner

EXHIBIT(fih65a02)

10:00 Doug Monger, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fih65a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

12:00

Closing by Sponsor:

14:00

EXHIBIT(fih65a04)

HEARING ON SJR 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00 SEN. ELLIOT, SD 36 -- Short Title: Urge delisting and
management of wolf.

EXHIBIT(fih65a05)

EXHIBIT(fih65a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

20:00 Geri Ball, Creek Side Llamas
25:00 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Stockgrowers Association,
Montana Farm Bureau

25:00 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
EXHIBIT(fih65a07)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

30:00

Closing by Sponsor:

0:00

HEARING ON SJR 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

36:00 SEN. SPRAGUE, SD 6 -- Short Title: Urge reasonable
measures for certain endangered species.

Proponents' Testimony:

39:00 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Stockgrowers Association,
Montana Farm Bureau

40:00 SEN. ELLIOTT, SD 36

40:00 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
EXHIBIT(fih65a08)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

43:00

Closing by Sponsor:

45:00

HEARING ON HB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

46:00 REP. BARRETT, HD 34 -- Short Title: Wildlife removal in
cities based upon ordinance or resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

55:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

Informational Testimony:

58:00 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
EXHIBIT(fih65a09)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:05:00

Closing by Sponsor:

1:40:00

5:15 p.m. Break

5:22 p.m. Resume

All votes by excused members were given by the Vice-Chairman of their respective parties.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 249

Motion: REP. SALES moved that HB 249 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. LANGE moved that HB 249 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT(fih65a10)

Vote: Motion carried 19-1 with REP. CLARK voting no by voice vote.

Motion: REP. SALES moved that HB 249 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion/Vote: REP. SALES moved that HB 249 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 12-8 with REPS. CLARK, COHENOUR, FACEY, GIBSON, GOLIE, GUTSCHE, JENT, and WEISS voting no by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 16

Motion/Vote: REP. GOLIE moved that SJR 16 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried 17-3 with REPS. FACEY, GALLUS, and GUTSCHE voting no by voice vote. REP. FUCHS will carry SJR 16.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 15

Motion/Vote: REP. GOLIE moved that SJR 15 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried 17-3 with REPS. BARRETT, FUCHS, and LAKE voting no by voice vote. REP. GIBSON will carry SJR 15.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 4

Motion/Vote: REP. FACEY moved that SJR 4 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 19-1 with REP. GUTSCHE voting no by voice vote. REP. CLARK will carry SJR 4.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 166

Motion/Vote: REP. JENT moved that SB 166 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously 20-0 with REP. GUTSCHE voting no by voice vote. REP. JENT will carry SB 166. CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT ruled that SB 166 be placed on the Consent Calendar without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:49 P.M.

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

JB/KE

EXHIBIT (fih65aad)